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**SECRETARY HERZFELDER ANNOUNCES \$400,000 GRANT
TO CAMBRIDGE FOR PROTECTION OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY**

Acquisition will Protect Sensitive Acres Near Stony Brook

Environmental Affairs Secretary Ellen Roy Herzfelder today announced a \$400,000 grant to assist the City of Cambridge in acquiring 16 sensitive acres in Lincoln. The tract of land is adjacent to Stony Brook, which is a tributary of the Stony Brook Reservoir, where Cambridge obtains a portion of its drinking water. These funds are being distributed under the state's Self-Help Program, which is administered by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

"This is a great example of a partnership involving the state and local communities. It shows that together we can take proactive steps to preserve open space for recreation and protect our water supply sources from development that could jeopardize them in the future," said Secretary Roy Herzfelder.

The City of Cambridge, in cooperation with local conservation partners, plans to acquire a series of contiguous properties in the area and will maintain a public path system throughout. The property offers the benefit of drinking water supply protection as well as various passive recreation opportunities such as walking, bird watching and the appreciation of historical infrastructure in the area.

"On behalf of the citizens of Cambridge, I want to thank the Rural Land Foundation and Secretary Herzfelder for helping us protect this important piece of land in Lincoln," said Robert Healey, Cambridge City Manager. "This grant and our partnerships have created a great opportunity for our city to protect its water for future generations."

The 16-acre parcel, currently referred to as the Harrington Conservation Project, is adjacent to the Twin Pond conservation property to the west, the Hunsaker conservation property to the east, and the Beaver pond conservation property to the north.

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